

BLAIRSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

RE-ENTRY PLAN UPDATES - 8/3/2020

Good afternoon, please see the current list of updates/changes below to our draft plan to assist you in your family planning.

1. Masks for students may be cloth or other material as long as there is no vent device.
2. The Governor issued new directives yesterday for student mask wearing. **Students must wear their masks at all times inside school buildings.** We will schedule mask breaks for students periodically by taking a group outside (weather permitting) or being seated in our large capacity gym bleachers, with strict social distancing maintained.
3. Plastic face shields cannot be used instead of masks.
4. If you decide to change your child's method of instruction from or to all virtual or hybrid, the school will need up to 2 weeks' notice to effect that change. One change per marking period please. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration on a case by case basis
5. Expect a possible change to the school calendar start of school date. Details if this occurs will be provided with as much notice as possible.
6. I cannot finalize our in-person school day start time and dismissal time until North Warren finalizes theirs. This is because we share the same buses after their runs and I must give drivers adequate time to clean the buses before beginning our runs. I will get that info out to you as soon as we have it.

7. Grades for special areas will remain Pass/fail. With special area subjects beginning the year remotely, student participation will be a large part of the grade.

We will continue to utilize all of our social media sites; Facebook, district APP, and website to inform you of more detailed information, schedules, and changes to our re-entry plan. Please review those sites frequently.

Stay safe and be well.

Mark Saalfield, Superintendent